



# DELTA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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You may ask yourself: "What are 4-H members?" We say - "THAT is an excellent question!" Here is the answer:

4-H members are brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, cousins, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, classmates and friends. 4-H members are budding scientists, seamstresses, leather workers, gardeners, welders, dog trainers, cake decorators, cultural explorers, bakers, bug collectors, and animal lovers - just to mention a few. They are athletes, scholars, entrepreneurs, musicians, and artists. They are young people who are active in their communities and schools through leadership and community service. 4-H members are kids who live on farms or ranches, in small towns, suburbs and big cities. To be honest - 4-H members are so many different things we can list only a few! In the end we are proud to say that, in a nutshell, 4-H members are the future. They are the pride of today and the hope of tomorrow.

Sound good? How about joining in the fun?  
It can't hurt to take some time to connect  
with the future - join 4-H today!



# Enrollment is Open!

## Important Things to Know:



- Home website address - [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)
- Easy interface with mobile phones
- Beginning this 4-H year the late fee for re-enrollments is **\$50.00**. This means that you must have enrolled online and have your fees paid to the Delta 4-H office by 4:30 PM on Monday, February 3, 2025
- Enrollment fees are: \$50 for the first two projects, \$5 for each additional project and \$30 for Cloverbuds (no late fee for Cloverbuds)
- We do not accept credit cards. We do take cash or checks made payable to: Delta Extension Fund
- When enrolling - once you get to the payment screen - don't forget to click **NEXT** until you get to the **SUBMIT** button. Then click submit! You will make your payment at the Delta 4-H Office, however we can't enroll you without you actually submitting your enrollment.
- Enrollment fee invoices may not reflect actual cost if taking more than 2 projects. Call the Extension office for the exact total
- Please know that you are not actively enrolled in the Delta County 4-H Program until you have registered online and paid your fees. Our office hours are 7:30-11:30 and 12:30-4:30, Monday through Friday or you can mail payment to: CSU Extension, 525 Dodge Street, Delta CO 81416. Late fee for returning members (after February 3rd) is \$50.00
- May 1st is enrollment deadline and is also the last day to change any projects
- If you are planning on changing clubs - please contact your new club leader to let them know that you are interested in moving to their club. Let your prior club leader know you plan to switch clubs as well





# 4-H BEEF ROAST TICKET SALES REQUIREMENT!



The Delta County 4-H Beef Roast will be held on March 9th. This event is a tradition in Delta County and we are excited to offer it. People throughout the county look forward to this meal with much anticipation. In addition, the community interaction with our 4-H members and families is critical to the success of our 4-H program.

Part of the success of this event lies with our 4-H members selling tickets to this event. It is the only fundraiser that Delta County 4-H holds and, because of this, it is a requirement of the program that our members sell tickets. This is not a new requirement. The 4-H program is designed to instill a sense of responsibility and team building. Ticket sales to this event are the responsibility of our 4-H members. The entire “team” needs to work together. **ALL** Delta County 4-H members **MUST** sell a minimum of **5 tickets** for this event.

The proceeds from this event are used for the following events and activities - as you can see, the sales of tickets benefit the majority of people that participate in the Delta County 4-H Program:

- Helping members pay to participate in trips held both in Delta County and throughout the state (i.e. State Conference, Leadership Development Conference, Youth Fest, TRA Exchange Trip and many more).
- Cloverbud Camp
- Livestock Field Days
- Meat Quality Assurance Trainings
- Achievement Awards
- District 10 Retreat
- Leadership Development for both members and leaders
- Club Organizational Leader Dinner
- Shooting Sports meetings and events

Members can be rewarded for selling tickets! There are a couple of contests (listed on the following page) that members who sell tickets are automatically a part of. Please give these articles a peek!

The Delta County 4-H Program looks forward to a great Beef Roast in March. We thank you in advance for your ticket sales. For more information on how to get your tickets, please contact us at 970-874-2195.



## 2024 Beef Roast Club

### Ticket Sales Contest!

Club contest prizes are 1st place: a club pizza party, 2nd place: \$75.00 and 3rd place: \$50.00 for the clubs who sell the most tickets! Join in the fun, sell tickets like crazy and let us feed your club some delicious pizza!

## 2024 Beef Roast Member

### Ticket Sales Contest!

Prizes for the member contest:

#### **Junior Division (ages 8-13)**

1st place: \$100

2nd place: \$75

3rd place: \$50

#### **Senior Division (ages 14 and up)**

1st place: \$100

2nd place: \$75

3rd place: \$50

## Club

## Organizational

## Leaders:

## Have YOU

## Enrolled??

Don't forget! All club organizational and co-organizational leaders need to enroll/re-enroll ASAP. This will keep you in the loop for emails and other information both you and your club during the upcoming 4-H year.



## ~ **BEEF ROAST INFORMATION** ~

### ATTENTION 4-H CLUBS AND CLUB MEMBERS

All checks for the purchase of Beef Roast tickets need to be made payable to the:

**Delta County 4-H Council**

**Please DO NOT accept checks made out to your club, your family, or the Delta Extension Fund.**

# LIVESTOCK MANUALS

All livestock manuals will be ordered one per family.

If your family received a manual for a livestock project (including poultry, horse, rabbit and dog) in the past, you will not receive another manual this year. The price of manuals keeps increasing so we limit how many are ordered to keep the cost of enrolling in the 4-H program down. If you want to receive any additional manuals, please contact the Delta County 4-H Office and we will let you know the prices.

Additional manuals will need to be paid for by the 4-H family.



# CHANGING CLUBS?

If you are planning to transfer to another club, please do the following:

1. Call your current Organizational Leader to let them know you will be transferring clubs.
2. Contact your new Organizational Leader and make sure they are aware that you are going to join their club.
3. Call the Extension Office at 970-874-2195 and let us know of the change.

# ENROLLMENT PAYMENT

# FACTS

Please note that the Delta County 4-H Office cannot accept credit cards. This means all payments for enrollments must be made with either cash or check. All checks should be made payable to:

Delta Extension Fund

Thank you!

# LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS

## ALL SPECIES – ONE BOOK!

This 4-H year, the livestock record books will be **ALL** species in one book. This means that if you are enrolled in beef, sheep, and rabbits your information for all three species will be in **one** record book.

This way of filling out livestock record books will be for all 4-H'ers in the Tri River Area. Please watch your emails and future newsletters for the details on the correct way to do this and upcoming trainings.

There will be no change to horse and dog records.



## SHEEP & GOAT EXHIBITORS.....

The Colorado State Veterinarian's Office would like to remind each exhibitor that, when purchasing sheep and goat projects for fair or exhibition, to make sure these animals are correctly identified with scrapie tags. This means that before leaving the premises of the producer you are purchasing your animals from, you need to make sure that your project is properly identified with a scrapie tag.

For those placing scrapie tags in the ears of sheep and goats, place the tag between the main two ribs on the inner third of the left ear.

For more information, please go to the Colorado Department of Agriculture website:

[www.colorado.gov/AG](http://www.colorado.gov/AG)

Or the USDA website:

[www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health)

or

[www.eradicatescrapie.org](http://www.eradicatescrapie.org)



# Save the Date!



## Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

- March 7-9, 2025: Morgan County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, and Archery)
- March 14-16, 2025: Weld County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, and Orion)  
\*Orion training added\* Please watch for information in the coming months.
- March 21-23, 2025: Pueblo County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
- March 28-30, 2025: Garfield County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)

Reminder: All volunteers must be enrolled and approved before they can register for the trainings.

*Registration information will be available in January.*

4-H volunteers must be approved, enrolled and active in 4HOnline prior to registering for the trainings.

Background checks are 2-4 weeks behind. DO NOT delay the volunteer enrollment or re-enrollment process. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED** for any of the scheduled trainings. Volunteers must be present for the entire training to receive their certificate.



## COLORADO SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW OPEN!

[co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/](https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/)



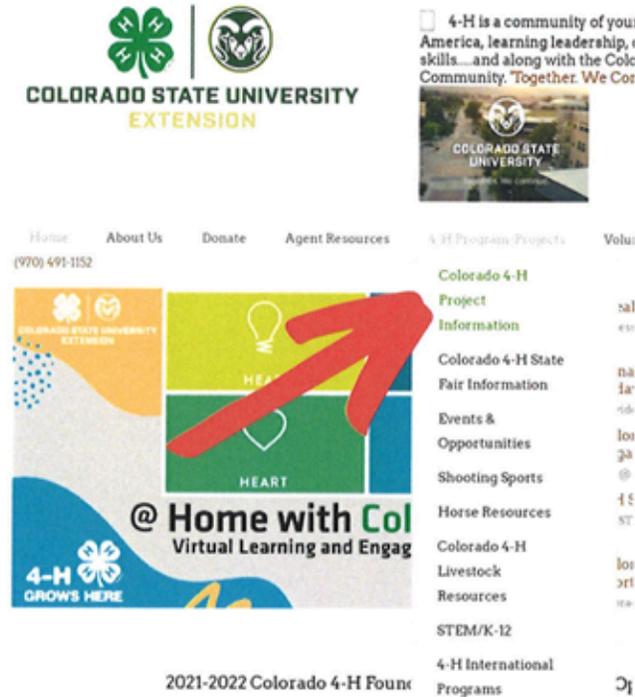
For more information be sure to visit this website!



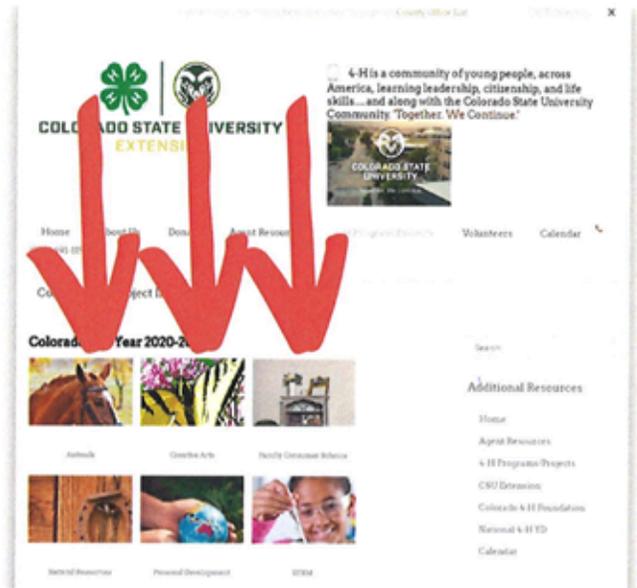
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# Record Books- Where to find them:

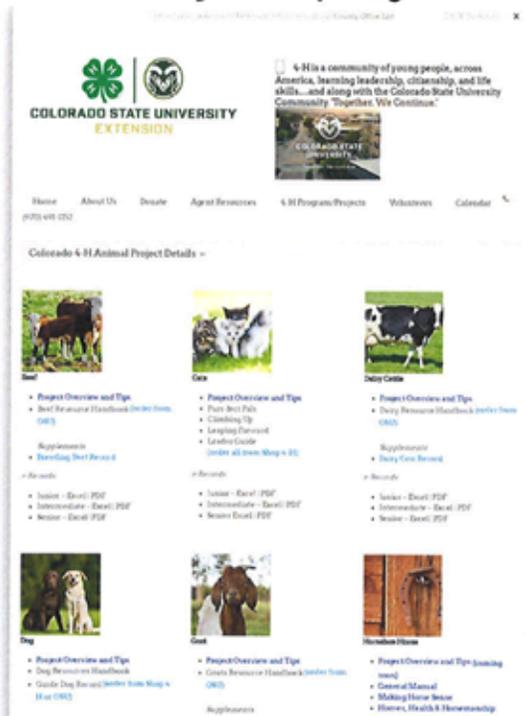
1. Go to Colorado 4-H Website: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/>
2. Hover over the 4-H Programs/Projects Tab
3. Click on Colorado 4-H Project Information



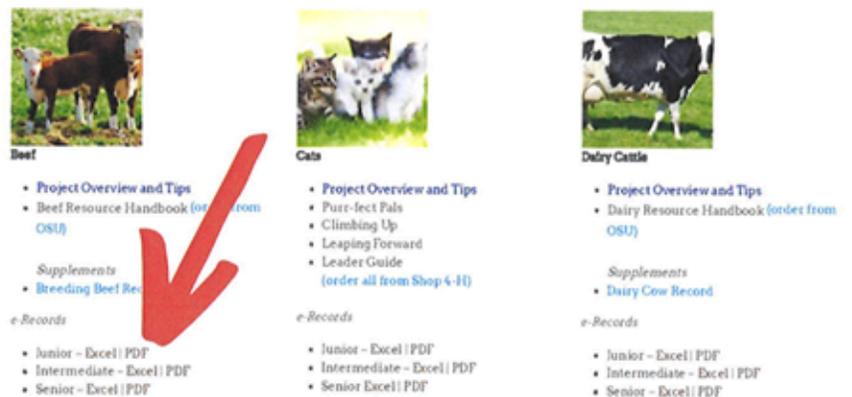
4. Select your project parent area



5. Find your project



6. Download the record books you need!



Other helpful hints:

- Shooting Sports Record books are under the [Natural Resources](#) project tab.
- If you're totally lost, there is a "search site" bar at the bottom of the page.

# REMINDER

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You will make your payment at the Delta 4-H Office, however we can't enroll you without you actually submitting your enrollment.



## Market Animal Uploads

ALL market animal exhibitors are required to upload nomination information into 4-HOnline. Here are the due dates:

### **Market Beef -**

4:30 PM - February 14, 2025

### **Market Sheep, Goats and Swine -**

4:30 PM - May 9, 2025

Please remember that nomination information uploads include your brand inspections, 4 photos of your animal (member must be included in one photo), and the new Animal Care and Housing Form.

Checks for enrollments must be made out to:

### **Delta Extension Fund**

Be sure to double check all checks for enrollment fees to make sure they are made out correctly.

## Market Beef



***They ain't got a thing if they ain't got that bling!***

### TAG-IN DATE

Feb 8 - 1:00-3:00 PM,  
Delta County Fairgrounds

### TAG CHECK OUT DATE

Feb 8 - 1:00-3:00 PM,  
Delta County Fairgrounds

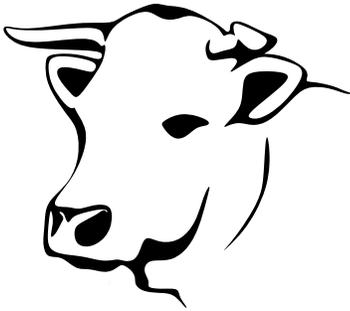
More critical information on the next page of this newsletter!

# IMPORTANT MARKET LIVESTOCK NOMINATION INFORMATION!

## Market Livestock Nominations:

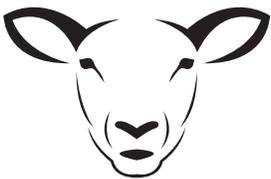
1. Market animals to be exhibited in the Delta County Fair must be identified by an Official Delta County Fair ear tag. Exhibitors may choose to tag their own animals in accordance with the Delta County Fair Livestock Online Nomination Process as detailed in the rules governing each specific species.
2. Delta County Fair Board will hold Tag-In dates for those exhibitors not wanting to tag their own animals. These dates will be as follows:

### ~ Beef: February 8<sup>th</sup>: 1:00-3:00



- Tag Check out (for those not bringing animals to tag-in) for Beef will be at the Delta County Fairgrounds on the day of the tag in.
- NO TAGS WILL BE HANDED OUT AFTER THIS DATE. If you fail to pick up tags, OR attend the tag-in, at the county fairgrounds you will not be allowed to enter the 2025 Delta County Fair.
- ALL market animal exhibitors will be required to upload nomination information in 4-HOnline. FOR BEEF THIS INFORMATION IS DUE BY 4:30 PM ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025.
- Bred & Fed nominations are required to upload buyer affidavit(s).
- Any incomplete nominations will not be accepted and will not show at the 2025 Delta County Fair. (This includes missing brand inspections and pictures not clearly showing the DCF ear tag as well as the animal. The exhibitor must be present in at least one photo.)
- NO taggers will be available for individual use, members without tagging equipment should attend tag in dates provided by the fair board. The tags that will be provided are Y-TEX brand and require Y-TEX taggers to be used when placing them on the animal(s).

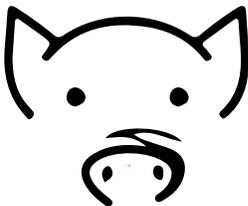
### ~ Sheep and Goats: May 3<sup>rd</sup>: 9:00 am-11:00 am



- Tag Check out (for those not bringing animals to tag-in) for Sheep and Goats will be at the Delta County Fairgrounds on the day of the tag in.
- NO TAGS WILL BE HANDED OUT AFTER THIS DATE. If you fail to pick up tags, OR attend the tag-in, at the county fairgrounds you will not be allowed to enter the 2025 Delta County Fair.
- ALL market animal exhibitors will be required to upload nomination information in 4-HOnline. FOR SHEEP AND GOATS THIS INFORMATION IS DUE BY 4:30 PM ON May 9, 2025.
- Bred & Fed nominations are required to upload buyer affidavit(s).
- Any incomplete nominations will not be accepted and will not show at the 2025 Delta County Fair. (This includes pictures not clearly showing the DCF ear tag as well as the animal. Pictures not clearly showing the scrapie tag are not acceptable. The exhibitor must be present in at least one photo.)

- NO taggers will be available for individual use, members without tagging equipment should attend tag in dates provided by the fair board. The tags that will be provided are Y-TEX brand and require Y-TEX taggers to be used when placing them on the animal(s).

~ Swine will be nomination process only.



- Market Swine will not have a physical tag-in. The process for swine will be as it has been in prior years. Tag Check out will be on May 2, 2025 from 1:00-4:00 PM at the Delta County Extension Office
- NO TAGS WILL BE HANDED OUT AFTER THIS DATE. If you fail to pick up tags, you will not be allowed to enter the 2025 Delta County Fair.
- ALL market animal exhibitors will be required to upload nomination information in 4-HOnline. FOR SWINE THIS INFORMATION IS DUE BY 4:30 PM ON MAY 9, 2025.
- Bred & Fed nominations are required to upload buyer affidavit(s).
- Any incomplete nominations will not be accepted and will not show at the 2025 Delta County Fair. (This includes pictures not clearly showing the DCF ear tag as well as the animal. Ear notches must be recorded in the upload. The exhibitor must be present in at least one photo.)
- NO taggers will be available for individual use, members without tagging equipment should attend tag in dates provided by the fair board. The tags that will be provided are Y-TEX brand and require Y-TEX taggers to be used when placing them on the animal(s).

3. If an exhibitor, or their designee does not complete the required online documentation, if they choose to not attend the tag-in and pay the required fees, they will not be allowed to exhibit the animal(s) at the upcoming fair.
4. ALL MALE ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED OR BANDED BY INITIAL NOMINATION DATE. BANDED TESTICLES MUST HAVE FALLEN OFF OR BEEN REMOVED PRIOR TO SHOW TAG-IN. Any animal found to be out of compliance will not be allowed to show at the fair
5. Original Brand inspection certificates on all market beef must be presented to the Brand Inspector at the time of final weigh-in at Fair. NO ANIMAL WILL BE WEIGHED IN AT FAIR UNLESS THE BRAND CERTIFICATE IS IN HAND WHEN COMING TO THE SCALES.
6. At initial nominations, there will be no limit on the number of animals nominated. However, due to space limitations, only 2 market animals per exhibitor for goats, sheep, swine, and beef can be brought to and exhibited at Fair.
7. Exhibitors MUST have met all their individual county requirements in order to participate in the Colorado State Fair. This includes all of the county specific nomination procedures.

READ ON....



**FAMILY NOMINATION INFORMATION  
ON THE NEXT PAGE!**

# FAMILY ANIMAL NOMINATIONS

## (LARGE ANIMALS ONLY)

Family nominations of Jr. Market Livestock will be accepted. At the time of nominations, all exhibitors may “family nominate” all animals according to the following guidelines:

1. The exhibitors must legally reside in the same household and are siblings, step-siblings, or legally adopted.
2. The exhibitors must all permanently reside in the same county.
3. The livestock must be in continuous care of the exhibitors residing in the same residence.
4. Livestock must not be sold or transferred out of the exhibitor’s custody at any time after the nomination process is complete.
5. The individual who will be showing the family nominated animal **MUST** be declared at the time of pre-entry. An animal can only be entered by one exhibitor, or the entry is considered invalid and the animal is not eligible to show.

At initial nominations, there will be no limit on the number of animals nominated. However, because of space limitations, only 2 market animals per exhibitor for goats, sheep, swine and beef and be brought to and exhibited at Fair.

Entry procedure:

- The Delta County Fair pre-entry deadline is June 21, 2024. Animals being entered must have an official nomination on file to be eligible.
- Siblings may nominate the same animal but may NOT pre-enter the same animal.
- At the time of pre-entry, the final exhibitor decision must be made. Animals found to be double entered (one animal in multiple exhibitors names) will be considered an invalid entry.
- The exhibitor entering the animal must have cared for the animal daily from the time of nomination.
- Animals nominated, but not officially entered, will not be eligible to show.



# Breeding Animal Information



Here is some information specific to breeding animals:

- Breeding animals do not need to be tagged.
- The animal(s) in all breeding classes must have been owned by the exhibitor before May 1 of the current year to be eligible to show.
- Members can choose to upload their animal information into 4HOnline at any time before May 1.

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

The Delta County Junior Market Livestock Sale (JMLS) is a terminal sale. Every animal that is sold at the JMLS is henceforth owned by the buyer. The animal must either go directly to slaughter or the buyer of any intact female animal may opt to take the animal to their home for breeding purposes only. NO animal sold at the JMLS can be exhibited again at ANY OTHER SHOW in the future. Any exhibitor found to be in violation of this rule will not be allowed to show livestock in the Delta County Fair the following year.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL. No animal may be bought, sold, given away or donated back to the exhibitor after it has been sold through the sale. Picking animals up from a feed lot, should they be housed there temporarily by the processor, will not be allowed. All processors and buy back buyers must have agreed to this stipulation of participation in the JMLS.



## Meat Quality Assurance Information

The following is the “Official” State 4-H policy regarding the Meat Quality Assurance Act and the required training:

- Any 4-H member enrolled in a market or breeding livestock project that has not previously attended training must do so.
- Any 4-H member who was a Junior (age 13 or under) and is moving into the Senior division in 2025 (age 14 as of December 31, 2024), will be required to attend the training.
- Everyone enrolled in a 4-H livestock project must sign the Tri River Area 4-H Commitment to Excellence.

In summary, all 4-H members must attend the Wholesome Meat training once as a Junior (13 and under) and once as a Senior (14 and over). You may attend training in another county if you cannot make the date scheduled in your county. Be sure to sign in when you arrive, this way we have a record of your attendance. Attendance at a MQA Class will fulfill swine members Pork Quality Assurance Training requirements. Below is a list of dates for these trainings:

- April 22 – Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Montrose County Fairgrounds
- April 23 – Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Heritage Hall, Delta County Fairgrounds
- April 24 – Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Mesa County Fairgrounds

# Delta County Bred & Fed Producer & Delta County Bred & Fed Youth Producer Program Information

## Delta County Bred & Fed Producer Information

- ONE time registration - [deltacountybredandfed.com](http://deltacountybredandfed.com)
  - ~ Please update *only* if information has changed. Otherwise its a one and done
- Reasons to register:
  - ~ Listed in producer directory online and in printed version available in various Delta County locations

## Delta County Fair Bred and Fed Classes

- Delta County Fair (DCF) exhibitors need to complete the yearly DCF affidavit to show at the DCF in bred and fed classes
- Registration complete on Fair entries
- Steers need brand papers (brand from Delta County)
- Sheep and goats need scrapie tag (scrapie tag from Delta County)
- Swine need ear notches

## Delta County Bred and Fed Youth Producer Program

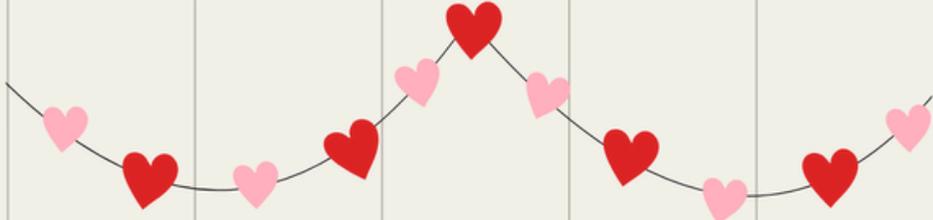
- Yearly enrollment through Delta County Bred & Fed (DCBF) website - [deltacountybredandfed.com](http://deltacountybredandfed.com)
- Declare enrollment in DCBF program on Fair entry forms
- Reasons for additional enrollment through DCBF website:
  - ~ Youth producer spotlight (required component)
  - ~ Information regarding what species for youth producer
  - ~ Eligibility to receive Youth Producer grants
  - ~ Option to compete in the Youth Producer class at the June Classic Jackpot
  - ~ Possible educational opportunities (new in 2025)





# February 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Delta County re-enrollment deadline to avoid \$50 late fee <b>AND</b> all beef project enrollments due, 4:30 PM	4	5	6	7	8 Delta County Beef weigh-in and tag hand out, Delta Fairgrounds, 1-3 PM
9	10 Delta 4-H Council, 7PM	11	12	13	14 Delta Beef upload deadline, 4:30 PM <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15
16	17  Office Closed	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	
						



## Who Can Join 4-H?

4-H is for boys and girls who are between the ages of 8 and 18 as of December 31, 2024. The 4-H Cloverbud Program is a non-competitive program offered to children ages 5-7, as of December 31, 2024.

The 4-H program is open to everyone regardless of race, religion, color, gender or place of residence.



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## Important Upcoming Dates!

- Feb 8 - Delta beef weigh/tag-in and tag hand out, 1-3 PM, Delta County Fairgrounds
- Feb 14 - Beef Upload Info deadline, 4:30 PM
- Feb 17 - Presidents Day, Office Closed
- Mar 9 - Delta County 4-H Beef Roast, DMS & NFHS, 12PM-3PM
- Mar 10 - Delta 4-H Council, 7PM
- Mar 28 - Shooting Sports Leader Training, Garfield County, 28-30
- Apr 7 - Delta Executive Council, Delta
- Apr 22 - MQA Workshop, 6:30 PM, Montrose County
- Apr 23 - MQA Workshop, 6:30 PM, Delta County
- Apr 24 - MQA Workshop, 6:30 PM, Mesa County
- May 1 - TRA Enrollment Deadline
- May 2 - Swine tag pick up, 1-4 PM, Delta 4-H Office
- May 3 - Sheep/Goat weigh in and ear tag hand out, Delta County Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss

All dates in this calendar are tentative and subject to change.



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